

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
December 4, 2013 MINUTES
Location: City Hall, Health and Human Services

Adults: Matt Green, Richard Dyer, Peter Harrington, John Panica, Kirsten Tuohy, Stephanie Lapham
Guests: Tom Pomeroy, Kim Gallagher, Jenna Olson, Jay Harney, Chris Hardiman, Tasia Cerszo
Staff: Jennifer O'Leary
Youth: Eliza Beth, Jacob Prince, Jonah Kan, Jared Perlo, Alexander Marks-Katz, Nadine Geller, Sarah Smith, Sophie Magidson

The meeting was opened at 7:10PM.

A vote to accept the minutes of November 6, 2013 was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The budget for FY 2014 is \$2,500
- Expenses to date include:
 - \$0.00
 - \$2,500.00 Balance
 - \$586.12 Revolving Account Balance

Business:

Update from the Mayor's Public Service Interns:

- Went over all themes for grant work including Executive Function, Adult/Youth Communication, Depression Awareness, College Applications, Transitions, etc.
- Through CHNA grant funds, working with Engaging Minds Learning Center on Executive Function presentations at as many schools as possible through PTSOs
- Executive Function trainings for 9th grade cluster teachers at South and CTCs at North and Peer Tutors at South and Homework Club at North
- With CHNA grant, helping to pay to send 25 staff members from the four middle schools to a mind-body training program through Benson-Henry Institute at Mass General
- Youth Summit III scheduled for February 5th, guest speaker, Kevin Breel, mental health activist and comedian, focus of the night is on Youth/Adult communication, difficult conversations and solutions from Youth Summits I and II
- Suicide prevention and mental health meetings with students and Riverside have been ongoing, recently met with students from Needham about the Own Your Peace/Piece project, first community meeting is next week that will be open to adults and youth to start moving forward, want to recognize that schools shouldn't carry all the weight – it is a community wide issue

Commission Changes:

- Group brainstorm of advisory board members to consider
- Began work of defining the roles of the advisory board and youth commission
- Next meeting will start with an edited draft of roles to help move us forward on this work

- Timeline for appointing youth as commissioners will be applications out in January, interviews in February and appointing in March

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary